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LOK SABHA

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REPLACEMENT OF GRP PERSONNEL BY RPF IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a):whether the Government propose to deploy RPF personnel for the security of trains by replacing GRP;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and (

(c): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The deployment of Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel for the security of trains is done to supplement efforts of the Government Railway Police in controlling the crime on the Railways.

(c): The increasing trend of crime on the Railways has been a matter of concern. The Railway Protection Force Act ,1957 and the Railways Act,1989 were suitably amended so that added responsibilities of Security of passengers and passengers area can be handled by the Railway Protection Force also, to complement the efforts of the State Government and the Government Railway Police. Some minor offences under the Railways Act,1989 were brought within the purview of the Railway Protection Force. These measures were taken to supplement, not supplant, the Government Railway Police or the Constitutional responsibilities of the State Governments to maintain Law & Order in the Railways. The additional deployment of Railway Protection Force on the trains and strengthening of security in the passenger areas by added presence of Railway Protection Force will enable the Government Railway Police to focus more on serious crimes under the Indian Penal Code and sabotage- related crimes under the Railways Act. An average of 1288 Trains escorting parties is deployed by the Railway Protection Force by diverting the staff from other scheduled duties.